

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 2 and 7 through 9 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1, 3, and 4 and add Claims 10 through 14 to read, as follows.

1. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus comprising:
 - a first image bearing member for bearing a toner image;
 - a second image bearing member for bearing the toner image; and
 - a transfer member opposed to said first image bearing member with said second image bearing member therebetween,
wherein a voltage is applied to said transfer member to transfer the toner image from said first image bearing member onto said ~~on the~~ second image bearing member, and
wherein a resistance Rt of said transfer member and a resistance Rb of said second image bearing member satisfy $Rt/Rb \geq 1.0$.

2. **(Canceled)**

3. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said transfer member and said second image bearing member have ionic electroconductivities.

4. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said transfer member and said second image bearing member have electronic electroconductivities.

5. **(Original)** An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said first image bearing member is a photosensitive member, and said second image bearing member is an intermediary transfer member.

6. **(Original)** An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said second image bearing member is in the form of a belt.

7. **(Canceled)**

8. **(Canceled)**

9. **(Canceled)**

--10. **(New)** An image forming apparatus comprising:
a first image bearing member for bearing a toner image;
a second image bearing member for bearing the toner image; and
a transfer member opposed to said first image bearing member with said second image bearing member therebetween,
wherein a voltage is applied to said transfer member to transfer the toner image from said first image bearing member onto said second image bearing member, and
wherein a resistance R_t of said transfer member and a resistance R_b of said second image bearing member change with a same tendency in response to a change in an ambient

condition, and the resistance Rt of said transfer member and the resistance Rb of said second image bearing member satisfy $Rt/Rb \geq 1.0$.

11. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 10, wherein said transfer member and said second image bearing member have ionic electroconductivities.

12. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 10, wherein said transfer member and said second image bearing member have electronic electroconductivities.

13. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 10, wherein said first image bearing member is a photosensitive member, and said second image bearing member is an intermediary transfer member.

14. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 10, wherein said second image bearing member is in the form of a belt.--